

CLAIM LISTING

1. (Currently amended) A mobile monitoring device for monitoring portable property that is physically attachable to the portable property to permit monitoring even if the portable property is relocated, the monitoring device comprising:

a controller;

a transceiver in electronic communication with the controller, the transceiver capable of communicating with a user transceiver;

at least one sensor in electronic communication with the controller, wherein the sensor is monitoring a condition of the property or a condition proximate to the monitoring device; and

a communications interface in electronic communication with the controller and the transceiver, the communications interface configured to provide audible information that may be transmitted to the user transceiver by the transceiver;

wherein the monitoring device is sized and adapted such that it is usable with a variety of different types of personal property.

2. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 wherein the monitoring device is configured to execute programming commands received from the user transceiver.

3. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 wherein the communications interface comprises a voice menu system.

4. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 3 wherein the voice menu system comprises a DTMF detector.

5. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 3 wherein the voice menu system is configured to decode DTMF tones received from the user transceiver.

6. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 3 wherein the voice menu system comprises a voice synthesizer.

7. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 3 wherein the voice menu system comprises a voice recognition system.

8. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 7 wherein the voice recognition system comprises an internal microphone.

9. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 3 wherein the voice menu system is capable of recognizing audible words received from the user transceiver.

10 (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 wherein the monitoring device further comprises memory.

11. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 further comprising a real-time clock.

12. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 further comprising a microphone that is configured to gather the sounds proximate to the monitoring device.

13. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 further comprising a camera that is configured to view the area proximate to the monitoring device.

14. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 wherein the sensor is selected from the group consisting of a motion sensor, a shock sensor, an audible/sound sensor, a humidity sensor, a fire sensor, a temperature sensor, a detachment sensor, a motion sensor, a smoke sensor, a video sensor, a magnetic sensor, a freezing sensor, an overheating sensor, a weight sensor, a chemical sensor, a radiation sensor, a glass break sensor, an intrusion sensor, a carbon monoxide sensor, a poison sensor, a vibration sensor, and a light sensor.

15. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 further comprising a display module.

16. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 further comprising a low-battery sensor, a primary battery, and a secondary battery.

17. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 further comprising an RF transmitter.

18. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 further comprising a GPS device.

19. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 further comprising a receptor that allows the monitoring device to communicate with an external security device.

20. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 further comprising a speaker, and wherein the monitoring device is configured to play audible sounds on the speaker received from the transceiver in order to allow a user to transmit audible sounds to the area proximate to the monitoring device.

21. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 further comprising an alarm system.

22. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring system as in claim 21 wherein the alarm system comprises a siren.

23. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 further comprising lights configured to illuminate the area proximate to the monitoring device.

24. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 further comprising an information storage unit.

25. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 further comprising an interrupt controller.

26. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 further comprising a key press interface.

27. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 1 further comprising a sound generator.

28. (Currently amended) A mobile monitoring device for monitoring portable property that is physically attachable to the portable property to permit monitoring even if the portable property is relocated, the monitoring device comprising:

a controller;

a transceiver in electronic communication with the controller, the transceiver capable of communicating with a user transceiver;

a plurality of sensors in electronic communication with the controller, the sensors configured to monitor a change in a condition of the property; and

a communications interface in electronic communication with the controller and the transceiver, the communications interface comprising a voice menu system that is configured to provide audible information that may be transmitted to the user transceiver by the transceiver,

wherein the monitoring device is sized and adapted such that it is usable with a variety of different types of personal property and the monitoring device is further configured such that it is capable of executing programming commands received from the user transceiver.

29. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 28 wherein the voice menu system comprises a DTMF detector.

30. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 28 wherein the voice menu system further comprises a voice recognition system.

31. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 28 wherein the voice menu system comprises a voice synthesizer.

32. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 28 wherein the monitoring device further comprises memory.

33. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 28 further comprising a real-time clock.

34. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 28 further comprising a tracking device.

35. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 28 further comprising a low-battery sensor, a primary battery, and a secondary battery.

36. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 28 further comprising an alarm system.

37. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 28 further comprising lights configured to illuminate the area proximate to the monitoring device.

38. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 28 further comprising a speaker.

39. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 28 further comprising a microphone that is configured to allow a user to listen to the sounds proximate to the monitoring device.

40. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 28 further comprising a camera that is configured to allow a user to view the area proximate to the monitoring device.

41. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 28 wherein the monitoring device is configured to send a confirmation to the user transceiver confirming that the programming command has been properly executed.

42. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 28 further comprising an information storage unit, camera, and a microphone, the storage unit being configured to store information gathered by a device selected from the group consisting of the sensors, the camera, and the microphone.

43. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 28 further comprising an interrupt controller.

44. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 28 further comprising a key press interface.

45. (Previously presented) A mobile monitoring device as in claim 28 further comprising a sound generator.

46. (Currently amended) A method of improving security of portable property using a mobile programmable monitoring device that is physically attachable to the portable property to permit monitoring even if the portable property is relocated, the monitoring device being sized and adapted such that it is usable with a variety of different types of personal property, the monitoring device comprising a controller, a transceiver capable of communicating with a user transceiver, at least one sensor, and a communications interface in electronic communication with the controller and the transceiver, the method comprising:

monitoring a condition of the property with the programmable monitoring device;
contacting the user transceiver with the transceiver if the monitoring device detects a change in a condition of the property; and

providing information related to the condition of the property that is transmitted to the user transceiver by the transceiver.

47. (Previously presented) The method of claim 46 further comprising the step of activating a tracking transmitter to facilitate locating the monitoring device.

48. (Previously presented) The method of claim 46 further comprising the step of executing a programming command received from the user transceiver.

49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48 further comprising the step of sending a confirmation to the user transceiver to confirm that the programming command has been executed.

50. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48 wherein the programming command is a command to activate or deactivate a sensor.

51. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48 wherein the programming command is a command to activate or deactivate an alarm.

52. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48 wherein the programming command is a command to reset the monitoring device.

53. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48 wherein the programming command is a command to turn the monitoring device on or off at a selected time.

54. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48 wherein the programming command is a command to activate or deactivate a microphone.

55. (Previously presented) The method of claim 48 wherein the programming command is a command to activate or deactivate a camera.

56. (Previously presented) The method of claim 46 further comprising the step of verifying a password prior to providing information to the user transceiver.

57. (Previously presented) The method of claim 46 further comprising the step of reviewing the information provided to the user transceiver.

58. (Previously presented) The method of claim 46 wherein the communications interface is a voice menu system.

59. (Currently amended) A method for programming a programmable mobile monitoring device that is useful for monitoring portable property, the monitoring device being physically attachable to portable property and configured to monitor at least one condition of the portable property even if the portable property is relocated, the monitoring device comprising a controller, a transceiver capable of communicating with a user transceiver, at least one sensor, and a communications interface in electronic communication with the controller and the transceiver, the method comprising:

contacting the programmable mobile monitoring device with the user transceiver;
establishing communication between the user transceiver and the monitoring device; and

using the user transceiver to issue a programming command that may be executed by the monitoring device;

wherein the monitoring device is sized and adapted such that it is usable with a variety of different types of personal property.

60. (Previously presented) The method of claim 59 further comprising the step of sending a confirmation to the user transceiver to confirm that the programming command has been executed.

61. (Previously presented) The method of claim 59 further comprising the step of using the voice menu system to provide audible information to the user transceiver after a communication has been established.

62. (Previously presented) The method of claim 59 wherein the monitoring device further comprises at least one input device, the monitoring device further comprising an information storage unit that is capable of storing information gathered by the at least one sensor and the at least one input device.

63. (Previously presented) The method of claim 59 wherein the monitoring device further comprises a sound generator designed such that the controller may interface with the transceiver via sound that are produced by the sound generator.

64. (Previously presented) The method of claim 59 wherein the monitoring device further comprises a key pad interface designed such that the controller may interface with the transceiver via the key pad interface.

65. (Previously presented) The method of claim 59 wherein the monitoring device further comprises an internal RF sensor that is positioned proximate a transceiver antenna.

66. (Previously presented) The method of claim 65 wherein the RF sensor is designed to allow the monitoring device to receive progress information regarding telephone calls that are made or received by the transceiver.

67. (New) A mobile monitoring device for monitoring portable property and physically attachable to the portable property to permit monitoring even if the portable property is relocated, the monitoring device, comprising:

a controller;

a transceiver in electronic communication with the controller,

at least one sensor in electronic communication with the controller, wherein the sensor is monitoring a condition of the property or a condition proximate to the monitoring device; and

a communications interface in electronic communication with the controller and the transceiver, the communications interface configured to provide audible information that may be transmitted to the user transceiver by the transceiver;

the transceiver configured to ultimately transmit information via a communications network, the information being related to a condition of the property being monitored by the monitoring device, thereby permitting monitoring of at least one condition of the portable property even if the portable property is relocated, and wherein the device is sized and adapted such that it is usable with a variety of different types of personal property.

68. (New) The device of Claim 67 wherein the transceiver communicates directly with a user transceiver.

69. (New) The device of Claim 67 wherein the transceiver is configured to receive programming commands from a user transceiver.

70. (New) The device of Claim 67 wherein a signal sent by the transceiver is processed by the communications network, the processed signal being sent to a user transceiver.

71. (New) The device of Claim 67 wherein the transceiver sends a signal to a server in the communication network, said signal being processed and ultimately sent to the user transceiver.